Government has already nominated the Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh as the State Nodal Agency for the State of Andhra Pradesh for recommendation the project proposals to the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Details of project proposals received from the State Nodal Agency of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as follows:

| Year | No. of Project Proposals |
|---|---|
| 2003-04 | 143 |
| 2004-05 | 113 |
| 2005-06 | 44 |

**Sale of Modern Industries (India) Ltd.**

†1955. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PSU namely Modern Industries (India) Limited was sold to Hindustan Lever Limited;

(b) if so, the total number of units of the said undertaking at the time of its sale;

(c) whether all the said units are still functional; and

(d) if not, the total number of functional units and the total number of employees who have been given retirement from their service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The Modern Food Industries was fully disinvested to M/s Hindustan Lever Limited (HLL) in 2002 and it is now a 100% subsidiary of HLL and is a private company. At the time of 100% disinvestments in November, 2002, there were 14 operational units. Subsequently, 3 units manufacturing Supplementary Nutrition Foods and 5 Bread Units were closed down.

Currently, there are 6 bread units in operation. 415 workmen have been relieved from the service of the company. They were offered VRS benefits. However, 70 workmen of 2 of the supplementary Nutrition Foods Unit refused to avail VRS benefits and were relieved on payment of closure compensation as per law.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.